

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A golf club head comprising:

a first portion forming a part of the head body of a golf club head, the first portion being made of a first metal material and including an abutting portion;

a second portion forming another part of the head body of the golf club head, the second portion being made of a second metal material and including an abutting portion; and

an intermediate thin layer made of a third metal material and formed with a powdery layer or a pasty layer, the intermediate thin layer being positioned between the abutting portion of the first portion and the abutting portion of the second portion, the intermediate thin layer and the abutting portion of the first portion being joined together by welding-friction welding, the intermediate thin layer and the abutting portion of the second portion being joined together by welding-friction welding, thereby forming a golf club head product said intermediate thin layer closely connecting said abutting portion of the first portion with the abutting portion of the second portion.

2. (Original) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the abutting portion of the first portion is formed on

extension extending from a heel of the head body, and wherein the abutting portion of the second portion is formed on a hosel.

3. (Withdrawn) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the abutting portion of the first portion is formed on a bottom wall delimiting a compartment in the head body, and wherein the abutting portion of the second portion is formed on a weight member.

4. (Original) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first metal material, the second metal material, and the third metal material are different from one another, a metallurgical compatibility between the first metal material and the third metal material being better than that between the first metal material and the second metal material, a metallurgical compatibility between the second metal material and the third metal material being better than that between the first metal material and the second metal material.

5. (Original) The golf club head as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first metal material is selected from the group consisting of stainless steel, titanium alloy, carbon steel, low-alloy steel, cast iron, nickel-based alloy, structural steel, Fe-Mn-Al alloy, and super alloy.

6. (Original) The golf club head as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second metal material is selected from the group consisting of stainless steel, titanium alloy, carbon steel, low-alloy steel, cast iron, nickel-base alloy, structural steel, Fe-Mn-Al alloy, and super alloy.

7. (Currently Amended) The golf club head as claimed in claim 4, wherein the third metal material is selected from the group consisting of niobium, chromium, aluminum, iron, zirconium, titanium, vanadium, tantalum, ~~elvers~~silver, nickel, tungsten and alloys thereof.

8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The golf club head as claimed in claim 2, wherein the abutting portion of the extension includes an annular wall for receiving the intermediate ~~intermedia~~ layer before friction welding.

9. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The golf club head as claimed in claim 2, wherein the abutting portion of the hosel includes an annular wall for receiving the intermediate ~~intermedia~~ layer before friction welding.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the abutting portions includes a surface roughness smaller than R_a 25 μ m.

13. (New) The golf club head as claimed in claim 2, wherein the intermediate thin layer has a generally circular disc shape.

14. (New) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the intermediate thin layer has a generally circular disc shape.

15. (New) The golf club head as claimed in claim 14, wherein the golf club has a shaft with a longitudinal axis and wherein the intermediate layer is intersected by the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

16. (New) The golf club head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the golf club has a shaft with a longitudinal axis and wherein the intermediate layer is intersected by the longitudinal axis of the shaft.

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